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pul-ver-ize

pul-ver-ized pul-ver-iz-ing

1 : to reduce (as by crushing, beating, or grinding) to very small particles : ATOMIZE <pulverize rock>

2 : ANNIHILATE, DEMOLISH

: to become pulverized

— pul-ver-iz-able *adjective*

— pul-ver-i-za-tion *noun*

— pul-ver-iz-er *noun*

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The mower *pulverizes* grass clippings.

Bits of *pulverized* rock filled the air.

Middle English, from Late Latin *pulverizare*, from Latin *pulver-*, *pulvis* dust, powder — more at POWDER

First Known Use: 15th century

**Synonyms:** annihilate cream decimate demolish  
desolate devastate do in extinguish nuke pull down  
destroy raze rub out ruin shatter smash tear down  
total vaporize waste wrack wreck

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